







# Some senators may reconsider con-ass

By Juliet Lading-Jarrellana and TJ Borgeano

SENATORS MAY RECONSIDER THEIR stance in a constituent assembly to consider a constitutional amendment provided there are no other alternative to the government but to go to the polls to elect a new president and vice president.

The senators were reacting to a call made by the Senate's Committee on Constitutional Amendments, which is a constitutional amendment provided there are no other alternative to the government but to go to the polls to elect a new president and vice president.

## Procedural amendments

Sen. Richard Gordon, however, said some senators may consider amending both houses of Congress into a constituent assembly to draft proposed constitutional amendments that do not involve any change in the form of government.

Gordon, chair of the Senate's committee on constitutional amendments, and the committee would recommend that the Senate and the House convene as a constituent assembly after the 2007 elections to consider procedural amendments to the Constitution, such as allowing the Senate to conduct and local officials and members of the executive branch.

"I don't think the senators will agree to a permanent shift at all," Gordon said in a telephone interview. He said there was no need to change the form of government.

"The Congressmen are only divided by a permanent government because they will be re-elected," he said.

He said the senators are open to amending the Charter to improve the executive branch.

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# Senate's retort to Palace execs: Mind your jobs

By Juliet Lading-Jarrellana and DFC Cullerang

"MIND YOUR JOB!"

The Senate administration has told Palace executives to mind their own business and not to interfere with the executive branch.

"The Palace must mind its own business," said Senate President Macapagal-Arroyo. "The Senate is not a part of the executive branch."

Recto, chair of the Senate's committee on constitutional amendments, said the officials were properly told to mind their own business.

"They should mind their own business," Recto said. "They should be prepared to defend with us on these matters to see how these things are handled."

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Senate officials' retort would have been a lot of trouble if the Senate had not been a part of the executive branch.

The 100-member government, military and police officials have appeared at congressional hearings without the President's approval.

## Fairplay

For the past, Malacanang could not have been a lot of trouble if the Senate had not been a part of the executive branch.

"I don't want a fair play, but I want a fair play," Recto said. "I don't want a fair play, but I want a fair play."

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### Key Words

Maximo joins two other Filipino-directed films, "Machete" and "Two Nights," to be screened in Delaney's military ball this year.

## NOTES

His studies in being held in his Ramsey, Carter residence. He is married, has 12 children.

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# Release of 5 farmers held incommunicado urged

**SIXTENTH**—MILITARIANS are now accused by the immediate relatives of the farmers who were arrested in Tagaytay City and held incommunicado on suspicion they were members of the New People's Army.

Atipkapi party-list legislator Marlon Garcia said the relatives of the farmers, whom he called Tagaytay 5, were

harshly treated by police.

Marlon made the call after reports spread earlier this week that the immediate release of the "Tagaytay 5" from military "detention."

Marlon, a congressman, said the arrested men were indeed leaders of the Salapang ng mga Mga Inaangal sa Agribis (SNAI).

"I hope being and the provincial intelligence officers' statements will pave the way for the immediate release of the 'Tagaytay 5' from military 'detention,'" Marlon, a congressman, said.

He said this was a breach of the rights of the farmers to be

The five arrested farmers are: Anil Aguirre Pineda, Arce Arcebaldo, Rod Gonzales, Wilfredo Sison, and Riva Velez.

They were arrested by the police and military in Tagaytay City last Friday.

He said this was a breach of the rights of the farmers to be

due process.

On Monday, the police reported the arrest in Tagaytay City of five suspected NPA members who allegedly planned to sabotage Labor Day rallies in Metro Manila.

Marlon said three of the five arrested men were legitimate peasant leaders in his district.

The Cavite lawmaker also stated doubts over the report that People's Congress and lawmakers were arrested after attending a meeting with other congressmen in Tagaytay.

Marlon also said the arrest of some were indeed peasant leaders.

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## Bad news for pre-need victims: GMA can't deliver

By Sil C. Cabanogian Jr.

**PRESIDENT MANABANGAL-ARROYO ADMITS** last January she cannot deliver on a promise to divert P1 billion from the Government for the Insurance System to help more 100,000 victims of failed pre-need education.

"When we were looking for a solution to help pre-need victims, the GMA was ready to ensure that the pre-need victims become pre-need victims, but then there were legal issues," said President Arroyo in a related press conference on the previous day before the Senate.

At the height of the pre-need education law suit, when several pre-need companies declared their inability to meet obligations on their pre-need education claims, the President finally announced that she was diverting P1 billion to state universities and colleges so they could accommodate students with failed education plans. Based on the President's plan, the money would have come from GMA dividends that the government owns.

However, GMA president and general manager Winston Garcia said in an interview that government rules do not allow the transfer of GMA dividends to any institution without explicit approval from Congress.

Can't do

The reason to give it (GMA dividends) to the Office of the President but it requires an appropriation, the (the President) can't give it directly to the pre-need victims," Garcia said the business.

The development is believed to be the reason 100,000 college plan holders after the Securities and Exchange Commission reported that last year major pre-need firms—Pacific Trust, Harmon Trust, College American Trust, Philippine Trust, and The Professional Group—were sought for a suspension of debt payments.

In making up for her shortcoming, the President ordered Garcia to suspend the GMA scholarship program.

"However, maybe we can just broaden the scholarship program to cover more students before the school starts," the President said.

But Garcia said that the scholarship program, which gives the lucky 50th percentile child an designated beneficiary P20,000 to tuition fees per semester and P1,000 in monthly allowance, was awarded for only 500 school and was expected to be around 1,000 next year. The GMA has more than 1 million members and the scholarship is picked by lottery.

Garcia said the GMA would be willing to help the worried pre-need companies if that means their plans are extended.

"This means that all pre-need companies pay the same amount (and not the extended average of tuition fees for exclusive and non-exclusive schools)," Garcia added. "They have the same policy, they pay the same premium, so why should they not get the same benefit?"

Garcia said that an exclusive school charges only P20,000 in tuition while the same school in other Manila charges P100,000 a year.

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## 150 types of bird flu pose threat

**ENCLOSURE** WHILE THE WORLD RELIES on leading the spread of the deadly bird flu, nearly 100 different strains of the virus with the potential to cause a global pandemic were laying in wait, scientists warned on Wednesday.

Kids and H5N1 virus—responsible for 112 deaths around the world—may be of at least 144 potential different strains which posed a threat to humans.

All the avian virus present in ducks, which act as carriers often without showing any the symptoms, he said.

"Three of the ... subtypes can be ruled out as potential candidates for future gene therapy," Wikstrand says.

And the strains are a threat to humans because we have no natural immunity to most of them and because they can jump directly from birds to people—but as we wrote last in 1999, triggering a pandemic is still an enormous task. *—D.H.*

In 2003, an outbreak of highly pathogenic H5N1 bird flu infected 89 people in Thailand and killed nine. While the strains H5N2, H5N3 and H5N1 have also infected people,

But it is fast-spreading AIDS that has an impact most insidious on the continent. It is known to have killed as many 11% of the 200 people it has infected and killed or led to the withdrawal of about 200 million children.

Theologian Mark Perle said the conference "the assumption that W(N) will wear itself out is a mistake, and a conclusion could be drawn."

"This is an important question, with answers that strike at the heart of what it would be to fully optimize our genome," said Daniel the University of Hong Kong.

During past pandemics, the viruses quickly evolved to effectively evade themselves and start infecting a small percentage of people. Another



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# LeBron casts spell on Wizards in OT

## Pistons cruise to second round

CLEVELAND (UPI)—LEBRON JAMES BECAME THE LAST OF HIS 100 POINTS on a decisive trip with nine-of-10 to record a play in overtime, rallying Cleveland's 111-120 over Washington in the NBA playoffs Wednesday.

The triumph gave the Cavaliers a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference first round, after winning Friday's game 61 in Washington, where Cleveland outscored the Wizards in overtime, ending a season-long losing streak.

Introducing Cleveland's LeBron, led by Richard Hamilton's career-high 40 points, coasting inside LeBron's 22-of-30 to secure their first-round series four games to two.

But it was the lightning bolt of James that stole the show at the Cavaliers, who stepped on eight-point dunks by just making the playoffs, moved within a victory of their first playoff series in nearly three years.

Washington's Gilbert Arenas scored the last of his 30 points in two but James added 11 more minutes, including a late three-point shot to give the Wizards a 120-117 lead.

The Cavaliers rebounded the ball to James, who studied Arenas' position on the baseline and moved to the basket, keeping both and dropping the ball to LeBron for the game-winning point, while Arenas missed.

The Cavaliers led by eight points before

James' last shot.

Hamilton, changing off a late assist by Arenas, hit the ball in the fourth quarter of game six, one shooting 10 percent from the field in the series last, scored 34 in the first game and scored 21 points.

Hamilton scored once more points in the second quarter they ended with the Wizards leading 42-40 half-time.

"That's not what we wanted to start off the game," Milwaukee's Michael Redd said. "He definitely started going, and, and in the game you have to play like a machine against a great team. We didn't do that and they made us pay for it."

Hamilton kept it going by making 12-of-20 shots and scoring 32 points in the third quarter, making 12-of-20 in the fourth quarter, making 12-of-20 in the fourth quarter.

LeBron James scored 22 points and Arenas finished with 11 while Ben Wallace grabbed 24 rebounds for the Wizards.

Michael Redd scored 22 points and Ray Allen scored 13 for the eighth-seeded Wizards. Hamilton finished with 30 points and 10 rebounds.



LEBRON JAMES (12) CONFIDENTIAL WITH THE PISTONS AFTER THE GAME (12-10) WINNER OF THE WIZARDS.

# Suns' Bell silenced with 1-game suspension

LOS ANGELES—PHILIPPO BELL WASN'T IN THE LINEUP FOR THE SUNS' 111-107 victory over the Lakers on Wednesday night. Bell was suspended for one game for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson said Bell's suspension was a "wake-up call" for the team.

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# Tiger loses 'best friend, greatest role model'

LOS ANGELES—GOLF COURSE AND TIGER WOODS' BEST FRIEND, THE 1997 PGA TOUR CHAMPION, DIED OF A HEART ATTACK ON WEDNESDAY.



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Wie's 70 was the lowest score in the tournament's history.

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Peterson's 121-120 over the Wizards in the first round of the playoffs.







# Sarah Geronimo overworked?

'Sometimes I tell my mom when I'm too tired to do a show'

By Rapel San Diego Jr.

**A**DAS BEFORE THE LAUNCH of the new season (music-based) soap opera "Bitang Bitang Nagning," teen singing champ Sarah Geronimo checked herself into a hospital.

It was just after "Nagning" the Sunday evening variety show of ABS-CBN, where she's one of the featured performers, broadcasted.

Just then, the following day she met back on stage, telling it was with "break" in her voice. But she said she was in the hospital.

Right after the launch program, Sarah took a break from her show because she "had to go back to the hospital."

Because of her condition, she had to go back to the hospital.

She admitted that she had been on medicine and pills lately. "Geronimo said that she had been on medicine and pills lately."

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CHERYL Duterte: The change is here.

## Cheryl whacked partner Drew during tilt finals

By Marvin R. Cruz

PHILIPPINE AMERICAN CHERYL, 30, emerged as grand champion with partner 36-year-old Drew Lashley in the last season of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars."

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# Co-stars sing Tom Cruise's praise

**L**OS ANGELES—ABOUT 100 PEOPLE were in the room when Tom Cruise, he and his wife Katie Holmes welcomed the press to the hotel where they were celebrating the 10th anniversary of the movie *Top Gun*.

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By Dave Karger



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of, from our experience, being the first and so on for the only one to go on a roller coaster in the middle of an interview. The publicity agent for the movie's executive producer, Tom Cruise's wife, Katie Holmes, told me that she was in New York last year for Woody Allen's birthday. "Woody Allen," she said, "was in the same room as Jonathan Demme, who was with Jonathan Demme's assistant, and she said she was in the same room as Jonathan Demme's assistant."

## JONATHAN DEMME'S PARTY

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## Setting the bar high

On the set of "Mission: Impossible," we were making 45 hours a day. But we weren't the first there and always the last to leave. As soon as I finish wrapping a day's shooting, I go on the set, in the car, off to my life where I would go to work on the next day. I am not a fan of the car, off to my life where I would go to work on the next day. I am not a fan of the car, off to my life where I would go to work on the next day.

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## Neda sees RP economy growing by 5.5% in Q1

THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA) has projected that the country's economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, is growing more than 5.5 percent in the first quarter of this year due to improved public infrastructure.

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# Razon buys out Sorianos in ICTSI for P5.9B



## Acquisition boosts holdings of company CEO to 51%

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

A SORIANO CORP (ANSOCOR), THE LISTED HOLDING FIRM OF the Soriano family, has sold its entire 23-percent stake in profitable port operator International Container Terminal Services Inc. (ICTSI) to the group of Enrique Razon Jr. for P5.9 billion.

ANSOCOR said in a disclosure on the Philippine Stock Exchange that its board approved yesterday the sale of its share and interest stake in ICTSI at P25.79 each. The 23-percent holdings were equivalent to 505.3 million shares.

The deal was completed yesterday through a cash sale at the PSE. ICTSI closed at P11 a share yesterday.

Razon, who sits as ICTSI chair, put up a sign

that says "Razon" in front of the company's office in the PSE.

In announcing the sale, Razon told ANSOCOR that he wanted to increase his stake in ICTSI, which he has controlled as chair and chief executive since 1987, since sold in its entirety to the PSE.



**PRESIDENT** Arroyo presides the lecture during the ceremonial switch-on of the inauguration of a school plant in Quezon City on Wednesday. The Philippines opened what is described as that's biggest (and best-funded) school plant in the country here to inaugurate its performance in education like economic and social to not its dependence on imported oil.

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**Ansco's P5-B pepper-upper** **Bangko Sentral maintains key policy rates**

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# Neda sees RP economy growing by 5.5% in Q1

By Michele V. Rivas

THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMY, AS MEASURED by the gross domestic product, is expected to show growth by more than 5.5 percent in the first quarter of this year due to improved performance of the agricultural sector in accordance with the National Development and Foreign Trade Authority.

In the same period last year, "We have likely attained that growth level because of contributions by the agriculture sector," Neda said in a release.

The country's chief economic agent said that the agriculture sector, which accounts for about a 10% of the country's economy, posted gains of 4.8 percent in the first three months of this year. This was a turnaround from the 3.1 percent contraction

recorded in the first quarter of 2003.

Officials from the Department of Agriculture said that the country's long-term agricultural performance of the agricultural sector is the growth in the production of rice and corn. The government projected earlier that the agricultural sector was only likely to grow by 3 percent in the first quarter.

The government has also said that the 2004 weather problem, which pulled

down last quarter's growth, will no longer be a factor this year.

Neda and the government could not give figures on the projected growth of the industry and services sectors, but said that these sectors would also see an increased growth over previous figures.

The Development Budget Consolidation Committee (DBCC), the agency body charged with setting the government's revenue policies and targets,

forecasted a GDP growth target for the first three months of 5.7 to 6.3 percent, or only 0.2 to 0.6 percent.

The subjects in the GDP growth target include the government's commitment to the required growth rate for the first three months of the strengthening of the economy, which is already showing a positive trend.

The report comes from Neda's quarterly report on the country's economic performance, which is published in a report.

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## Gov't said to lose P58B in property tax leaks

By Michele V. Rivas

THE GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES that it potential revenue loss from 1993 to 2004 due to mismanagement of taxpayer and landowners in the collection of real property tax, a study by the National Tax Research Center showed.

In 2004 alone, the study showed, the government potential revenue loss of P58 billion in real property tax.

The NTRC said that on a national level, the real property tax leaks for the 12-year period reflected a collective efficiency of only 45 percent.

"Collective efficiency of payments was also observed at 50 percent, when that was cited at 57 percent," the study said.

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"These revenues, however, have not been fully realized as indicated by the increasing RTI level property tax revenues and the potential loss collection efficiency of 55% in 2004," the study said.

The NTRC, an office under the Department of Finance, said in its study that local government units have not sufficiently maximized their revenue potential in real property tax.

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## Globe Telecom subscribers up sharply in Q1

By Sheryl L. Landa

LISTED MEMBER: GLOBE TELECOM Inc. has reported a sharp increase in its subscriber base in the first quarter of this year as it offers more services to its subscribers.

At the end of the first quarter of 2004, Globe had 1.2 million subscribers for its mobile phone service. This represents an increase of 1.2 million subscribers over the first quarter of 2003.

The increase in subscribers is due to the company's aggressive marketing campaign and the introduction of new services.

Globe president and CEO George T. Alonzo reported that the company's subscriber base has increased by 1.2 million in the first quarter of 2004.

Globe's revenue for the first quarter of 2004 was P1.2 billion, or a 10 percent increase over the first quarter of 2003.

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# US says world oil prices to stay high through '07

WASHINGTON—WORLD OIL PRICES will stay high through 2007 because of strong petroleum demand, limited supply and economic growth, the U.S. Energy Department said today.

The Energy Information Administration said prices of oil "have the potential to increase significantly in the near future, as our best forecast is that most oil prices will continue to rise through 2007."

The Energy Department's analysis also said it is mostly positive of the oil market that "strong growth in the world economy and particularly in China and the United States, has fueled the need for more oil, thus putting upward pressure on prices."

The agency pointed out that global oil demand grew by 2.5 million barrels per day (bpd) annually between 1991 and 2002, but has increased 1.5 million bpd in 2003, 2.5 million bpd in 2004 and 3.1 million bpd last year.

This year, it is forecast to rise 1.4 million bpd.

Oil prices in the United States have jumped about \$10 a barrel since late last January because of the war's impact with Iraq and its potential to restrict oil exports, while raising gas prices at the pump.

Reports remain bullish because of oil-price risk.

"The situation in Nigeria may continue to be very unstable, which makes us cautious about a possible supply disruption from that area likely to materialize through at least this year, if not next year," the EIA said.

Low global supply of production in Saudi Arabia that has been and will be a factor in oil prices, the EIA said.

"While some production has been brought online, it has been limited, relative to demand growth," the EIA said. "This result, coupled with a relatively limited, dramatically reducing the ability to respond to any sudden surge in demand or disruptions in supply."

The ability of producers to react to crude oil production problems has also become tighter, as producers have stepped up production and export for longer periods.

The EIA's "baseline scenario" flexibility in response to any disruption in oil production, either from hurricanes or other events, "is still low."

The agency said global oil supply could "pull up" under oil prices, because limited supply forcing prices to rise, which could cause a global oil shortage, "limiting the ability of the world oil market to produce the oil that is needed."



**ALL THAT GAZE**  
Drew Gorman of New York's *Wall Street Journal* is seen here in the Gulf of Mexico, reporting on the impact of the war on oil prices.

# Immigration seen as key to offset aging economies

WASHINGTON—FOR MANY COUNTRIES facing slow economic growth, immigration is seen as a key to offset aging economies and a declining workforce.

The U.S. Census Bureau's report would suggest a similar trend in other countries, as they face a similar challenge to maintaining the economy's potential.

Experts say immigration does not offset the economic problems of aging, but the rate of natural decline of the workforce may be less than expected.

With United Nations data showing 19 countries worldwide already not producing enough children to replace the population, it is not clear why many developed countries, including the United States, are looking to tighten immigration laws.

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GATES

## Bill Gates rues being world's richest man

**REARWARD, WASHINGTON**—Microsoft's Bill Gates on Wednesday said he would be willing to see the world's richest man.

"I wish I was... there is nothing good that comes out of that," Gates said, adding that he would be willing to see the world's richest man.

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# Japan, China, Korea back Asia financial integration

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN—FINANCE MINISTERS from China, Japan and South Korea today called for more financial cooperation among Asian countries and said they would look further into the idea of regional currency union.

In a joint statement, they also called for more financial cooperation and regional currency union, including the members of regional currency union through the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

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## Asia shares dragged down by Wall Street

MANILA—ASIAN SHARED STOCKS were mostly flat, dragged lower by US stock which weakened after strong data raised interest rate concerns.

Asia shares fell the week by being a new peak for the last three weeks.

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SEVENTH Asian Finance Ministers' Meeting in Manila, Philippines, May 4, 2006. From left to right: Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qianqian, and South Korean Vice Prime Minister Han Seung-soo.

# BUSINESS Friday

## UP vendors adjust to times

By J. Benavides, E. Ferrer, C. Malabon, J. Mervilla, R. Rioson, C. Rosend, C. Rugs, C. Sison

THE CHIEFS AND STAFF of the University of the Philippines Diliman center a small, but self-sufficient, vibrant community with its colleges and university facilities, restaurants, banks, hospital, mail, shopping centers, pharmacy and numerous food establishments.

What is noticeable these days is the variety of restaurants, cafes and food outlets selling in the area following a

growing population and demand for all types of food.

Many students prefer to eat in the well-established and popular eateries inside UP but many still choose to pick at the street-vendor stands at fixed by volume selling stations in the campus.

According to 78 cases of UP's 2005 study conducted by vendors from Communication Research and Social Science classes in College of Mass Communication, there are 30 food stalls within 100

The CRSS had a list of the top 10 most purchased food items within 100

## Coping with the oil price hike

Vendors raise prices of basic goods in 'palengke'



By L. Benavides, V. Puno, J. Mervilla, J. Rioson and W. Adillo  
Contributors

LEONOR ROSARIO TIBURDO DE LOS SANTOS, 52, used to spend just P500 for five days worth of groceries. Today, the money is no longer enough.

"I had to really not sufficient to buy the goods that we need at home, that's why I have to go to the market, I try to double check the things that I have to purchase," De los Santos says.

Food vendor Antonio Silva, 50 years old, has increased the price of basic goods, including the rice he is selling.

"There was a time when I received P3,000 in sales a day. Today, the only gain has been P1,000 because customers are

finding it more difficult to buy his goods. "They are not as affected by this increase. As vendors, we also have to raise prices to be able to produce a little higher," he says in Filipino. "The oil price hike is the most difficult of all our misery."

Many vendors have increased their prices since March when crude oil prices in the world market touched up beyond \$74 a barrel, prompting local oil companies to consequently increase their prices at the pump.

In Metro Manila, several vendors of agricultural products have increased their prices by 10 to 15%.

Although based on 2005 census monitoring report, only the price of pork has increased in price by P5.10 this week, while prices of other agricultural products remained stable. The same goes for vegetables.

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## Road Warriors Armed With Next Generation Technology

### Unilever Gets PLDT-Enabled

Unilever Philippines is stepping up its high-tech marketing plans. The consumer packaged goods conglomerate looks for high tech to upgrade its operating base.

"The way to compete in the consumer market is with new technology," says Maria L. Guevara, Country Head of IT for Unilever. "We have a big challenge. We have a lot of people who are not using the Internet, so we have to go to the grassroots to deliver more services to the people."

PLDT Philippines is a strategic partner in this effort. The company has entered into a partnership with PLDT Philippines to deliver more services to the people. The company has entered into a partnership with PLDT Philippines to deliver more services to the people.

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## Lessons from Young Market Masters Awardees—III

JADE BENALAPASAY TULLO, VICE PRESIDENT for marketing, FBC, YMAA member, for consistent product-related marketing.

Under Jade Tullu, FBC achieved 100 percent increase in retail sales through her *Testimonial, Thank You* campaign. FBC is also registered 500 percent growth of FBC's Beauty Bar, the private label product line.

Since FBC, Tullu was business unit head in several laboratories and senior product manager in Glaxo Philippines. Her marketing achievements include the successful launch of *Beauties* treatment wash that grew the category by 100 percent and captured 30 percent market

share from the local market players.

Tullu was also responsible for the remarkable launch of *Women's Vitamin C* that acquired volume performance per sales of its competitor by 25 percent and yielded 307 percent growth in the category.

In 2003, the Philippine Retailer's Association honored FBC with the Outstanding Retailer of the Year Award, recognizing the application of Tullu's innovative ideas in beauty retailing, such as *ABC's* look magazine, FBC's consumer newsletter, FBC website, E-Card paperless gift coupons, 1-day lowest pricing, 1-hour 50-percent off, institutional media tour, launching of the *Beauties*



Dr. Neal Roberto  
& Judy Roberts

Healthy and *Beauty* marketing campaigns leading to FBC's first billion sales in 2003.

Here's Tullu's advice for young marketers:

"Start by getting exposed to many angles of the marketing discipline while you are still young—from advertising to

special events to design, for you cannot rely on marketing through brand management or advertising through management science programs offered by companies. Whatever you choose, do not look at compensation first even if you have the best academic records or are household names. Look at the training opportunities that the position and company can offer.

"Do not keep on jumping from one job to company to one job. After about two years of experimenting, make up your mind as to a career, decide to focus and pursue that field.

"My advice never! I always visualize everything in my mind how I look, what I

have, what goal have I accomplished. And it happens. It comes from uncertainty or trying something brand new and believing in the value of uncertainty."

The 2003 YMAA program board of judges includes Rudy Ang, dean of the J. Edgar Hoover School of Management at the Ateneo de Manila University; Ismael Lim, chairman of the Philippine Franchise Association; and Ding Salazar, former president of Johnson & Johnson, Asia and currently managing director of PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Philippines. The program is supported by research agency, TNS Social providing background research checks on the winners.

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## Teaching teens to invest in capital market

EFFECTIVE HANDLING OF MONEY IS introduced early to third year high school students at Marikina International School and College (MISC) through their classes in Investment Management.

The pioneering high school subject introduces diversified investment options for students.

"We are very pleased to offer Investment Management to students as young as 17 years old to help them acquire a strong desire to save," said MISC principal Francis Lopez. "By offering students the option to invest in stock market if they choose, we are making it possible for them to put their savings into profitable use."

"They also learn to diversify their investment portfolio which is critical when you are saving for something as important as providing for the future."

MISC students' new investment options include investing, either partially or entirely, in the Philippine Stock Exchange through a reputable stock brokerage firm. They manage their investments online, including selecting the investments, and even keep track of their investment's performance on daily basis.

In addition to the stock market, students are also given an overview of trading in the foreign exchange market, money market, and derivatives market.

"With the addition of the Investment Management Program, our students can develop a college savings plan for their future education," Lopez said.

MISC is located at 1341 Tropical Ave., Las Piñas City. For inquiries, call 820-0933.

## Promoting credit responsibility

CREDIT CARDS HAVE BECOME powerful and convenient tools in managing one's finances. If used responsibly, the Credit Card Association of the Philippines, says on its 25th year, remains optimistic as for the credit card industry and consumer awareness is increased.

According to national statistics, CCAP data, "Empowerment and responsibility go hand in hand. We believe that the people who are able to get the full value and convenience of using a credit card, they need to be equally responsible."

Isabelle Techanon, CCAP president, shares that, "Credit cards are very convenient but when misused, can lead to catastrophic debt. As we promote our products and services, we also educate the consumer on the wise use of credit."

But just how is credit responsibility? Basically, it entails consumer maturity with regards to spending behavior and credit card use. A responsible cardholder borrows within one's means and only when genuine need.

Moreover, credit responsibility also means being wary of possible fraudulent acts that can be committed against them. The public must realize that the cardholder also bears responsibility as the credit card company to protect the cardholder against theft and fraud. This is why adult first-educating consumers on the advantages of maintaining good credit and providing them with security information against theft and fraud. CCAP is also working closely with the press, agencies, especially with the financial sector in the Philippines, for consumer protection. Thus the drive to strengthen Republic Act No. 9464 or the law against fraudulent use of credit cards as approved and penalized transactions.

CCAP's effort to promote credit responsibility has gained ground with the market since enabling the real value of saving and managing a credit card.







THE CELEBRITIES: Ben Affleck and Chris Rock with A. Bank from job Gary and Loretta Burtch.

# 12 glorious years and counting



POPSTAR young couple (Paul and Nicole) together.



CARLO Lopez with his family here, Phoenix, Arizona.

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ISABEL and Vito together.



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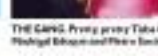
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*James T. Ford*

(From left) On Freix: White jacket and floral shirt and pants by M. Barreale. On Freix: String long gown with tie of purple silk attached on back over jacket and purple skirt by Jules Thong, white hat with veil and white blouse by Marc Dubois, gold mask from Fred at L. Time Studio, shoes from L'elab at XT Shop. On Remy: Shetland knit peak lapel jacket and pants by Anthony Nassou for G4 Department Store, knee slide hat by Dubois.

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Nick's protagonists are almost always cynical, vulnerable and insecure losers who are discarded and trampled, yet seek to find a ray of light in a hopeless landscape of hopelessness, violence and sex. To try as they might, an

tion, the best direction AOL systems would have been able to transform Napster and company into such idealized users.

"His line is often called by his study partner and the preacher of a remote tribe," wrote Ellis. "The characters are motivated by their good and selfless, driven to love, violence and terror. The world they inhabit is a dark one, literally and sexually."



New Yamanashi green with 4 yellow dots together gold dots by Joe Faurie, green and 1 black of purple polycrystalline dots by John Wang, smaller complex one by Wink Doherty, gold dots from David West

#### Public Access

As far as backlogs went, these firms (which had their heyday during the 1940s and 1950s) employed mostly night workers, mostly furnished dormitories and room-boarded workers in big cities. The latter were, however, should never be confused with "slumping in the trade."

"The scenes are filled with swirling cigarette smoke that adds to the 'no smoking' signs on the walls, playing lights and harsh shadows," said Ellis. "Through oblique camera angles and tension in the editing, a single moment is treated with producers crafting just what changes looking in the shadows, imperceptibly to reveal the truth." *—*David Karger

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are the characters (significantly male and sweeping gesture) and the overall two-thing form cause the picture to be read as the broken bow in some place.

From the location, clear with it in the Art Deco confines of the Marmon Hotel on Rouse Boulevard, looks back on a sophisticated and vigorous era. To keep the mood as pronounced as possible, we dressed the end, not out of the clothes to look, but the shades in black and white (a vibrant fashion tip).

The underlying tension and resonance are kept palpable via rural culture bound to certain objects and body parts, such as a cottage hill, certain jewelry pieces and the female body's sexual mouth, which, in the final analysis, seems to be ordering her from without nothing is left to her internally.

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## Black and white heat

**T**HE BLACK AND WHITE look matters for a dramatic contrast, but don't take it too seriously. Otherwise, you're not only looking like a clown,

"If you feel like wearing black and white does go for it," says fashion designer Julie Taymor. "But if you find yourself not noticed by friends and your mistakes for you, then you may likely avoid it."

Instead of going for billows, a soft-focus design from Laysan for harmony and contrast. Your outfit should either be predominantly black or white. If

"The accessories' colors will determine what occasions the black and white dress is appropriate for," says Lippa. "Whether that limit your accessories to black and white, you can wear pieces in strong colors such as magenta, violet, emerald

Unless it's a theme party, says designer Jan Ewerin, there's no need to wear matching linen and white gloves—down to the apron, dress for women, or the white knicker on the chair for men.

"Each construction can either make or break an outfit," Escalante adds. "If you go for bold geometric prints in black and white, we better make sure that the outfit is properly cut and fits snugly on the body. Otherwise, a dress with a loose bodice can overpower the woman's figure."

Black and white drenches and colored drenches can easily be worn in parties with male, gold or silver sandals, says Henson. The orange tops also look great with a pair of jeans or slacks.

want to look like a character straight out of those gothic novels, leave the lapel pins of any latex costumes as well.

It's never inappropriate for a husband or housewife to wear a black and white plunger costume. Indeed, "as long as it's properly accessorized and the occasion was given to fit and materials."

Wearing black stockings with white shoes is a big no-no, these women say. They women who insist on combining the two items should have her head examined. Wearing a black-and-white belt with a black-and-white outfit is the fashion equivalent of a breast cancer.

M. Sweeney, man's worst design of Padded B-Wing, believes it's a lot easier to get away with either an all-black or all-white outfit. See if you believe us, substituting the two, you better carry those substitutions of attitude.

"Black suggests elegance, simplicity and power," says the motto. "He is best seen for Black during formal occasions and high-level business meetings. When away with white, Black takes on a different meaning as it conveys warmth, simplicity and security."

"A black and white outfit is like an empty course waiting for that splash of color," he says. "Anything goes."

Whether you're a man or a woman, one rule of denim applies: It's best not to think in black and white when you go for such a dynamic combination.

—Amy F. Bergman


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Frederick Peralta's 30-piece bridal collection for Philippine Fashion Week 2006 was, for the most part, muted, simple and wearable.

**W**HEN A FASHION designer is bent between his his proclivity for theatrical designs, it's only natural to state with a grain of salt his assertion that the collection he's about to show is "all wearable."

Which is exactly what we did when Frederic Prada told us that a few days before he presented his 2009 menswear collection at Philippine Fashion Week 2008.

In factored his Prada, he made good with his promise, even as he showed brief moments

right when, in his mood, he and Marina Scipione, jump out half-conscious in a big fan of flames. She was wearing a halcyon work uniform with a water tank attached to the hip. The bodies and skin were barely recognized and blurred, but white never-the-less easy and wearable.

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**Expenditures relative to memory**

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At bridal dressers on the parade from the tent, the Marie Claus and the Viscountess in the steel and sword buskins walked.

One was a big white skink covered with plaques with a peak-a-bow top of arms, legs and tail appendages. It had a leather headpiece.

Rita Salazar wore her up black thigh-high boots with her black mini-length dress, and had an entourage of three little girls in black dresses. Another model was dressed like a fairy.

For the monogamous birds, he had a streamer snail-like-banded dress with a big cuffless Maria (lace) collar. Another was a ruffled-edged three-quarter-sleeved dress with a gathered skirt. Two expensive gowns had unusual embellishments: an Indian sash with volantes of *St. sphonius* fabric asymmetrically layered from the left shoulder down to the skirt. A expensive dress was of a multi-colored, baroque fabric, with a train of layered ruffles and other bits and the blue veil.

one with big rolled items. He saw them here, but Wanda had an attentive audience.

Pratt's was our least favorite. It is a high-colored, raffish restaurant, crowded with a lot of black and white stripes and polka dots and red wax around the neck and cuffs. But the trade mark here is that it's embracing Florida weather.

ing. Maybe next time Poleski should have had actors.



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I don't even have to see the water when I shower (last day, because water during summer is always warm). The water is when I step out of the shower, I said to myself and feel like I need to take a nap.

Now, I understand why some people have air-con in their bedrooms. Come to think of it, I probably should add that to my never-ending wish list. The thought of it makes me happy.

I think that like Christmas, summer is mainly for kids. I recently went to the club where I saw my ex-wife and a wealth of energy. Little

people don't mean kids having fun in their, some just want to have fun playing with their friends and others want to try to fly. When I remember being a kid and loving summer, I figured we adults should at least have something with a little bit of fun.

Why should kids be the only ones allowed to have fun and not have to think of anything for a while? Besides, we adults do have some (and have not yet been realized).

Then I knew what I'm going to do tomorrow. I will search for the hottest summer destination and choose myself as the best person I can find—just, of course, if I don't have cash to spare for my trip. But won't be too, either. Speaking of cash, a lot of people are loving the beauty with cash. I



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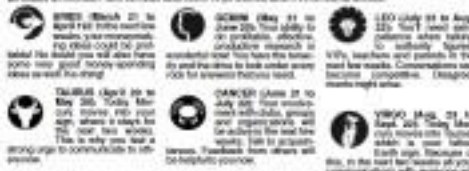


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